

DEATH RATE FOR ACCIDENTAL FALLS

Objective

By 1990, the death rate from falls should be reduced to no more than two per 100,000 population.

Explanatory Notes

Includes ICD codes E880-888 of the Ninth Revision and E880-887 of the Eighth Revision.

Findings

The state's rate was lower than the U.S. rate during the entire period 1970-1984, probably due to North Carolina's younger population. Despite decreases of the past, the state rate has changed little since 1981 and is projected to decrease only slightly to about 4.1 in 1990. It also appears unlikely that this objective will be met nationally (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics